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Election of Invention in Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's correspondence dated January 19, 2006, pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of group II, namely claims 1-9 which are drawn to seven-membered carbon termini-differentiated polypropionate stereotetrads and stereopentads, which are classied in classes and subclasses pursuant to species election.

In addition, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the following four related compounds